



Amendments to Specification

Please replace paragraph [0054] with the following amended paragraph:

[0054] The z-axis acceleration sensing on the 3-axis accelerometer shown in FIG. 5(A) is obtained by embedding a z-axis accelerometer 530 in the center of the structure including z-sense comb fingers 540. As shown in FIG. 5(A), the z-axis accelerometer 530 is disposed inside rigid frame 560. Frame 560 together with the z-sensing structure provided by accelerometer 530 is an effective proof mass for x-y sensing. ~~Although not~~ As shown in FIG. 5(C), 5(A) these ~~having ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that~~ the structure for x-y sensing 570 can be disposed inside the frame 575. In this arrangement, the frame plus the x-y sensing structure 570 is an effective proof mass for z-sensing.